



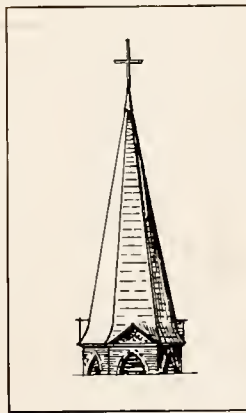
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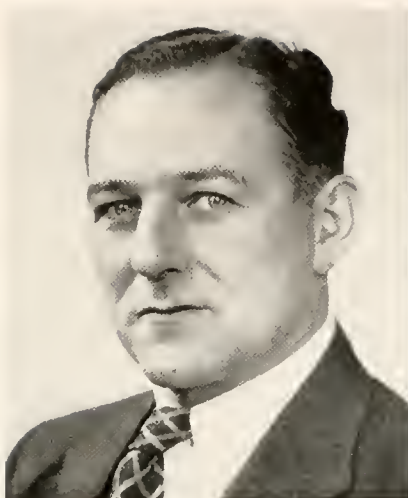
FOUR CHAMPIONS



GRAND SLAM



BOXING · TRACK



WHEELER, *Head Coach*



SCHWERDT, *Assistant Coach*

DAMON AND PYTHIAS

When Howard A. Wheeler took over the reins as Director of Athletics in 1929, he found a lot of willingness—merely that and hardly anything more. Wheeler had just come out of the University of Illinois, having been under the watchful eye of Robert Zuppke, who still directs things athletic for the Illini.

But Wheeler was equal to the task. In ten years his football teams have won four championships, three basketball championships, and two track crowns. Noteworthy among the basketball achievements is the fact that the Crusaders have been in the finals of every conference tournament.

During the decade, Wheeler has had some accomplished assistants. Arthur Baker, Eddie Cahill, and Reymon Bonar—all had much to do with the phenomenal success of the Crusaders. Last year Joseph Schwerdt, a graduate of North Carolina State College in 1938, came to Abbey as a right-hand man to Wheeler. Rated the best athlete ever produced at Everett High School in Massachusetts, Schwerdt is counted on to be a permanent fixture of the Crusader coaching staff.

Much publicity is given to the pleasant and friendly relationships that exist among the various students who make up the Abbey's athletic rosters. A word on the point may be said concerning Coaches Wheeler and Schwerdt. Theirs is truly a relationship conducive to success in mutual interests, and it happens that their interest is success and happiness for the Crusaders. That their interest has been realized is manifested by the Wheeler-Schwerdt contribution to the Abbey's amazing football record which now stands at seventy games won, five games tied, and twelve games lost.

DEDICATION

DURING this past year we have had just reason to feel proud of our Crusaders. They have brought honor to themselves and to Belmont Abbey; for in four sports—football, basketball, boxing and track—they have made themselves champions. Coaches, Howard Wheeler, Joe Schwerdt, along with amiable Tom Hanna, have molded their men into teams that are known throughout the South for clean play, undaunted spirit and fight.

So, to you, the Champion Abbey Crusaders, and, to you, Humpy Wheeler, Joe Schwerdt and Tom Hanna, we respectfully dedicate this 1939 edition of THE SPIRE. Your deeds will long be remembered in the annals of Belmont Abbey College.



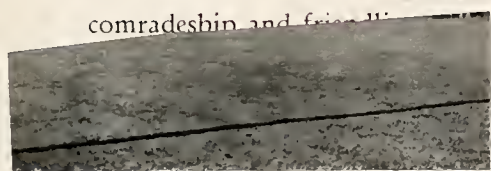
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Many members of the faculty, the coaches, and some of the "old-timers" have said that this school year has been the most uniformly successful one in a great many years.

Indeed, it has been. The athletic teams have been outstanding and the social events have been complimented quite highly. The Rector has announced that scholastic grades have shown marked improvement and, above all, there has prevailed a closer and more friendly relationship between the faculty and the students.

For the Class of 1939—the graduating class—this publication will be the source of many happy, dreamy memories when the things of school days have been all but put aside. This is our purpose. In this volume we have attempted to capture by picture and word the



CAMPUS WOODS



THE SPIRE



CATHEDRAL INTERIOR



THE CATHEDRAL



MAY
DEVOTIONS



DOWN TO THE GROTTTO

AN ABBEYMAN'S SHRINE





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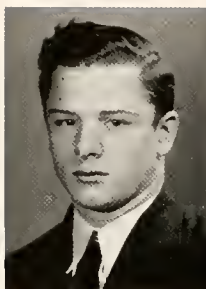
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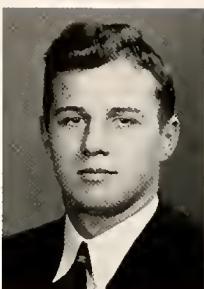
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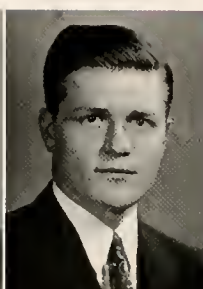
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JOSEPH



BIRKNER

SOPHOMORE CLASS

JOHN KABAS, *President*
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"REDWING"

"And laughter holding both his sides."

As apt a leader and president as you'll find on any campus. Always jovial, always hardworking, next year he leaves the Abbey for the first time in six years to head for The Citadel, aspiring to be a C.P.A.

MARTIN GASS, *Vice-President*
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"MARTY"

"Thy rapt soul sitting in thine eyes."

From the gridiron up to the choir loft you'll hear from this young man. The day students call him "Mr. Prez" but we all think of him as the typical Abbeyman. Hopes to jaunt to Notre Dame next fall.

GABRIEL JOSEPH, *Secretary*
COLUMBIA, S. C.

"GABE"

"The cherub contemplation."

Plain-spoken, tacit, and a serious thinker, he has made many a true friend his two years on our campus. Plans for next year's schooling still undecided.

JOHN BIRKNER, *Treasurer*
MT. AIRY, N. C.

"BIG HESSIAN"

"He fills the air with barbarous dissonance."

A bit happy-go-lucky, he has had his hand in a wide variety of campus activities. Not the usual "jack-of-all-trades" but he accomplished much in them all. Next year the army routine of The Citadel calls him.



JOHN CALDER
MT. HOLLY, N. C.

"JOHNNY"

*"Not harsh and crabbed as dull fools
suppose."*

Here is one of the school's best golfers. Perhaps he's a good golfer because of his quiet, reserved, and steady manner. His daily journey from Mt. Holly doesn't permit participation in many activities, but Johnny is a real part of the Abbey.



JOSEPH CONNERS
SAVANNAH, GA.

"FOOTSIE"

*"Come, and trip it as you go, on the light
fantastic toe!"*

Energetic, hard-working, Joe is Student Council President, Piedmont Club President and a mainstay in the Glee Club of which, incidentally, he is president. His pet aversion is physics; his greatest love, rest.



ROBERT HARRIS
BELMONT, N. C.

"ROBIN"

"The hidden soul of harmony."

Another old-timer at Abbey; rather reserved, spends a goodly share of his time in the Piedmont Pool Room. One of the class "pluggers."



LAWRENCE HILL
NAZARETH, N. C.

"LARRY"

"Come, but keep thy wonted state."

A frank, likeable, not-too-quiet chap who participates in a varied program of extra-curricula activities and ranks high scholastically.

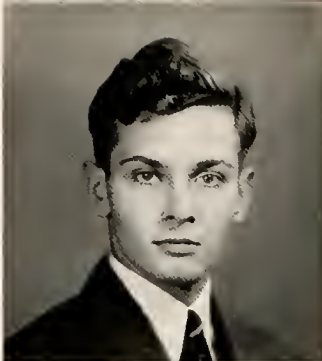


HAROLD KETCHUM
MT. HOLLY, N. C.

"BUD"

*"Who would rob a hermit of his weeds,
his few books and his beads."*

Bud came to the Abbey six years ago a little tot who, since, has grown in age, wisdom, and height. Scholastic leader, he's a studious lad. Salutatorian two years ago, undoubtedly will be this year's Valedictorian. Can he do anything else but succeed?



GEORGE KOURY
BURLINGTON, N. C.

"DOC"

"Thus might oft see me in they pale career."

Another person you'd like to meet; so pedantically malapropian that he's never at a loss for words. One of those few persons who sees beauty in retrospect. Will be the Official Class Doctor when, and if, he gets through U. N. C. Doc'll do it though.

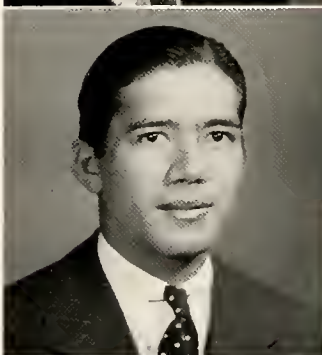


GLENN MARTINEZ
AGANA, GUAM

"SAVAGE"

"Jest, and youthful jollity."

The lad with the perpetual smile who came 11,000 miles to study law with an eye on the future governorship of Guam. A well-mannered, congenial, interesting product of his island home.



JOHN MCLEAN
GASTONIA, N. C.

"TARZAN"

"Hail goddess of nocturnal sport."

One of the day students who is enjoying life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness while he can. Always a bit quiet, but friendly nevertheless. Not certain of next year's plans.



The Sophomore Class of

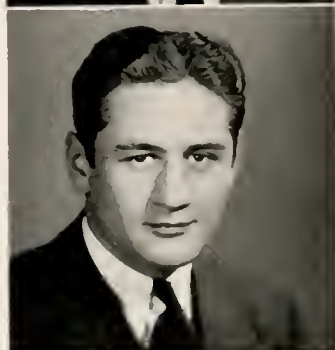


HARRY MICKLE
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"BUCK"

*"With stores of ladics, whose bright eyes
rain influence."*

The N. C. State transfer who in his first year here made a name for himself on the football field and gained a host of friends with his winning personality.



FRANCIS MODRA
BELLAIRE, OHIO

"ACE"

"So buxom, blithe, and debonaire."

Abbey's "Iron Man" on and off the field. Had rather be at the stick of a fast pursuit plane making history than at his desk reading it; a man of action. You'd like him for a friend.



J. DANIEL MOORE
GASTONIA, N. C.

"DAISY"

"Here dwells no frown nor anger."

One of those chaps liked by all in school. Ordinarily quiet and reserved, he can be full of deviltry when the occasion demands. Outstanding athlete, student leader and good scholar, Dan can be nothing else but a success. Another true Abbeyman.



WILLIAM MOORE
NORFOLK, VA.

"SLEEPY"

"Ambition should be made of sterner stuff."

Between naps he is very active—in the Refectory. Norfolk's current gift to the social world. A leading student in the Commercial Department; a likeable Virginian.

RAYMOND PATTERSON
LOUISVILLE, KY.

"PAPPY"

"Self fed and self consumed."

The hard-working popular lad from the Bluegrass section who has had the biggest job at the Abbey—the editorship of *Contact*—whose singing in the Glee Club can be compared only with his brand of work in other activities. He's a major in Chemical Engineering.



WALTER PAWLOSKI
SHADYSIDE, OHIO

"VUDGIE"

"The cynosure of neighboring eyes."

Perhaps the finest halfback ever to cavort for the Crusaders. Walt is a terror on a gridiron and in the Iris! A likeable lad with a winning way. Walt'll do all right.



JOSEPH RANKIN
GASTONIA, N. C.

"SPIKE"

"Sober, steadfast and demure."

A mental giant, whose I. Q. rates in the upper 1% of the Nation's college students. Well-informed in cultural subjects. A great talker, but when he speaks, he says something.



BERTRUM RENDELL
FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

"NUT"

"Lap me in soft Lydian airs."

A good student and a fine athlete; a quiet very likeable "Yankee" who still maintains that the Civil War ended in 1865. Combines a winning personality with a level head.



The Sophomore Class of



WILLIAM SCHOENSEE
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. VA

"BUNGLER"

He and his monstrous rout are heard to howl.

Another Rube Goldberg whose every effort is tainted with raucous radicalism. From the overflow of his inexhaustible supply of energy he will argue anyone on either side of any subject. Catholic U for Foreign service next year.



JOSEPH SELF
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

"JOE"

"To old experience due attain."

Interested in every activity, and not with the agency of a reflexive pronoun. In other words, Joe thinks of every one except him-SELF. An important member of the SPIRE staff, he indicates a lean towards big business.



JOHN STANCILL
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"JOHNNY"

"Hail divinest melancholy."

A silent edition of a lot that is worth while. If Stancill and Schoensee would team up—the former with his will to do, and the latter with his will to say—more than a cannon would be heard 'round the world!



LARKIN STOWE
MT. HOLLY, N. C.

"JUDGE"

"Whose power hath a true consent."

His nickname becomes his retiring dignity. Another of the intelligentsia. The silent member of an otherwise vociferous Sophomore class.

JOSEPH TIMBERLAKE
GASTONIA, N. C.

"BUCK"

"But come, thy goddess fair and true."

Not a milk-fed baby, but a printer's-ink one. Has a definite interest in Washington, and it isn't the White House. Can't appreciate the crack: "I'm one of the Jones boys." Buck'll be a journalist, and a real one.



PAUL TITMAN
LOWELL, N. C.

"TITMOUSE"

"Most musical, most melancholy."

One of our better musicians. Has developed a style of his own at the piano. Plays accompaniment for the Glee Club. A good student whose chief interests lay in music, literature, and botany. U. N. C. next year for an extensive study of nature lore.

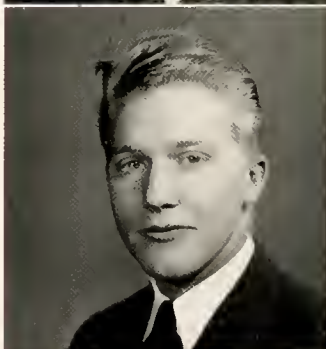


VERNON VON DREHLE
HIGH POINT, N. C.

"DOODLE"

"To walk the studious cloisters pale."

One of the most active and most popular of our graduates: takes part in most of the cultural and social activities and an honor student. Under his leadership the Debating Society is coming back into its own. He is *Contact's* Sportator and an officer of the Piedmont Club.

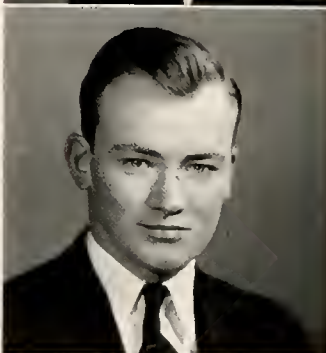


FRANK YORK
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

"RUDY"

"By whispering winds soon lulled to sleep."

An enthusiastic, popular student who hopes to join the Army Air Corps. Has become quite conservative since elected Treasurer of the Piedmont Club. Still shooting for a four-minute mile.



The Sophomore Class of

In Memoriam

TO

WILLIAM WATTS STANTON
"BILL"

Senior

Died suddenly October 2, 1938.



His Classmates

with

Kindliest of Recollections

with

Deep Sympathy for his Bereaved Mother

Dedicate this page

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Nineteen Thirty-Nine







HICE

HILL

FARLEY

CAHILL

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HARRY BRYSON	Hendersonville, N. C.	ROBERT CURRENCE	Gastonia, N. C.
DAVID BUMGARDNER	Belmont, N. C.	LEE DUKES	Charlotte, N. C.
WILLIAM COPELAND	Huntington, W. Va.	WILLIAM EICHENLAUB	Pittsburgh, Pa.
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QUINT FURR	Concord, N. C.		

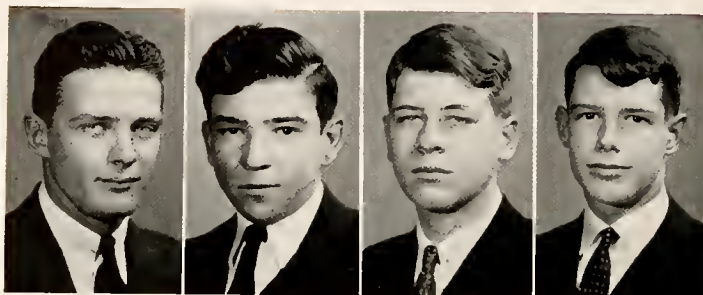




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KUPSKY

CASTRO

SUMNER

SARGEANT

PREP SENIORS

ROBERT KUPSKY, *President*

WHEELING, W. VA.

"BOB"

The fact that Bob was elected president of the Fourth prep class after being here only a month, proves his popularity with fellow students. His ability to laugh at all times is his leading characteristic. He was, of course, the mainstay of the Crusaders' quintet. Abbey next year.

JOSE DE CASTRO, *Vice-President*

HAVANA, CUBA

"MONGOLIAN"

A sterling basketballer with the Ramblers. "Mongolian's" other forte is declaiming the lack of revolutions in Cuba. A business-man *par excellence*. Senor Castro the Elder promises to incite an economic upheaval in Cuba. A popular lad, Jose, who probably won't return next year.

HAROLD SUMNER, *Secretary*

GASTONIA, N. C.

"SUMNER"

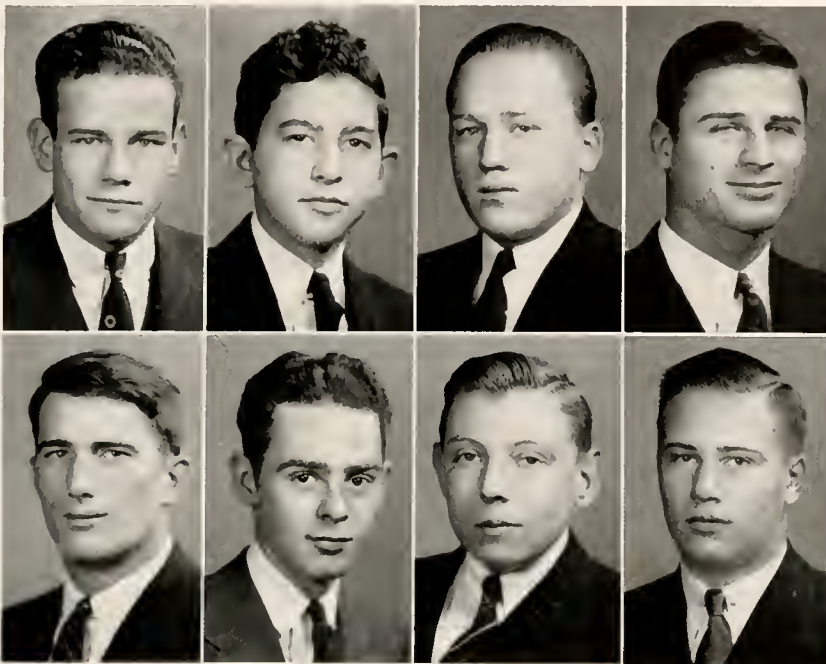
A four-year Abbeyman. Though he is an off-campus student, Abbey wouldn't be complete without him around. He has grown from a little shaver into a six-footer while here and, where he took a size 8 shoe, he now takes a 13! Goes to V. M. I. next fall. Best of luck.

BENJAMIN SARGEANT, *Treasurer*

NORFOLK, VA.

"BEN"

Another four-year man, Ben is a landmark around here. A champion speller (in his own way), he is entrusted with the Circulation department of *Contact* and does a swell job. He, also will return next year.



ANTHONY BURKE, JR.
NORFOLK, VA.
"TONIE"

The Abbey Adonis—broad shouldered, wasped waist and legs like—Tonie is really popular on the campus and off, not only for his fighting prowess, his unusual strength, but above all for his whole-some personality. Abbey would lack something without him. Yes, he is coming back next year.

ARTURO DE CASTRO
HAVANA, CUBA
"TURO"

Another Latin not from Manhattan. "Turo" is the mental giant of the Cuban legation. Salutatorian of his class, the accomplishment is all the more remarkable when one remembers that three years ago, his first at Abbey, Senor Castro the Younger could not speak English. A Rambler basketball, too,—will probably stay in Cuba next year.

LEO F. COTTER
AUGUSTA, GA.
"CAP"

A new arrival this year, "Cap" has become part of us. He is an especially quiet lad of the "Still Waters . . . etc." type. A good billiard player and a card shark, he will take on anyone. Plans to take over his Dad's big store in Augusta next year. We vouch that he'll be a good business man.

VICTOR KELLEY
GREENSBORO, N. C.
"VIC"

One year and graduation—quite a feat! But hold on, folks, Vic was at Nazareth before coming here! A tonsorial artist at fifteen cents a shot—Vic has probably gotten into the hair of everybody on the Abbey campus. Specializes in acting mystified, sleeping, and—blondes. Will be a freshman next year.

EARL J. MARSHALL
WHEELING, W. VA.
"EMPTY"

Here is a man whose strength he himself doesn't know. Always in some deviltry, he is the life of any party. Famous as the center on the champion football team, he will return to Abbey next year with the assurance of repeating his football, basketball and track records. You should see him throw that javelin!

JOHN F. MACCLEMENTS
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
"MAC"

The social leader of the class, Mac is the gentleman chauffeur just when you need him. If any date is being planned, he'll be on hand. Back to the Abbey in the fall and will continue his unique place among the students. A swell fellow.

RALPH RAY, JR.
GASTONIA, N. C.
"RALPH"

The "Michelangelo" of the campus, Ralph is clever with his charcoal and paint. The sketches in this annual are his work. We feel sure that the world will hear much about him in the years to come. Plans to continue his art studies somewhere in the East. We wish him the best of luck, though we know he will succeed.

BENJAMIN STOWE
BELMONT, N. C.
"BEN"

Pride of the home-folks, Ben is a master of doing favors. His good-looking V-8 has been used in many an emergency. His greatest problem is trying to dope out when the Crusaders will lose a game. An all-round, hard-working, popular lad. Either goes to Duke or returns to Abbey next year.





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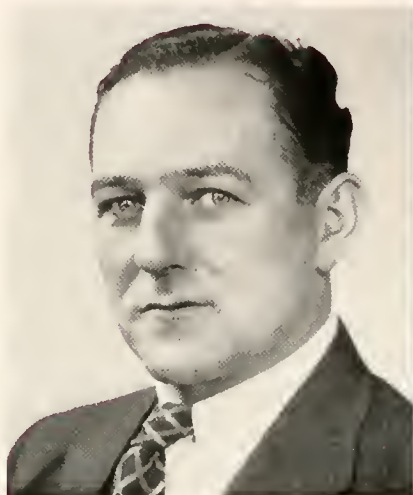
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FOOTBALL

Increasing their chain of victories which for three years has been broken by but one tie, the Crusaders of Belmont Abbey crashed, smashed, and banged their way through nine straight games not only to win the N. C. Junior College championship, but to the right of claiming the national Junior College football title! The Wheelermen had the perfect season. Spurred on by the indomitable spirit shown by Coaches Howard Wheeler and Joe Schwerdt, the Abbeyes emerged from their nine encounters unbeaten, untied, and unseored on, and, in the course of events, piled up 273 tallies to their opponents nothing!

Besides these triumphs the Crusaders managed to place four men on the All-State first team and three on the second, Ed Bradley, Walt Pawloski, Joe Cuffaro, and Captain Larry Visnic merited the first team. Visnic was likewise captain of the All-Star aggregate, Danny Moore, Earl Fesperman, and Earl Marshall were those on the runner-up eleven.

FOOTBALL

Could a season have been more perfect? Could those eight sterling athletes who bid the Abbey farewell this year by route of the cap and gown leave a better memento than that of a good job perfectly done. Johnny Birkner, John Kabas, Marty Gass, Gabriel Joseph, Frank Modra, Dan Moore, Walt Pawloski, and Bert Rendell—to you we must say "au revoir." Of them the school has a right to be proud. They have striven and won, both on the gridiron and in the classroom. May they meet with equal success in all their undertakings.

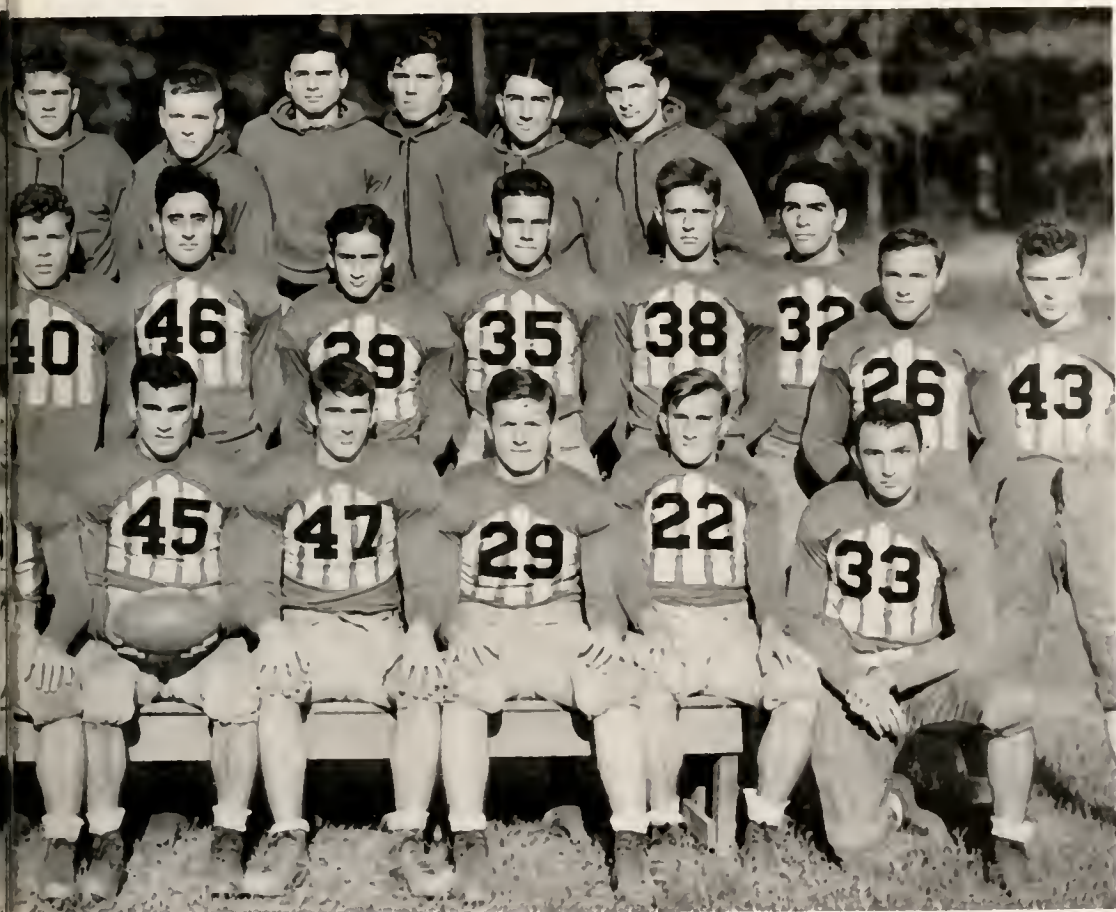
Many were the stars in the Crusader line-up, and great; but greater yet was the *team*. Captain Larry Visnic, Walt Pawloski, Earl Marshall, Joe Cuffaro, Dan Moore, Al Matthews—they all sparkled in their own light; still, were not the squad the coördinated super-structure that it was, it could never have been a great eleven. Therefore, let it be the entire crew which we congratulate, and every player on that squad to which we express our thanks.—As a team you were great, but as individuals you were Abbeymen!



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Abbey	14	Lees-McRae	0
Abbey	14	N. C. State	0
Abbey	20	Boiling Springs	0
Abbey	18	Citadel Frosh	0
Abbey	90	P. J. C.	0
Abbey	32	Wingate	0
Abbey	19	Armstrong J. C.	0
Abbey	47	Campbell	0
Abbey	273	Opponents	0



Night Shots of the Citadel Game



BASKETBALL

In a grueling seventeen-game schedule, preparatory to the Conference Tournament, the Crusaders suffered but one defeat (at the hands of Lees-McRae, 44-42,) and piled up 808 points to the 556 scored by opponents. Led by Bob Kupsky, who racked up 254 of the Abbey pointers, and sparked by the spirit and leadership of Captain Dan Moore, Coach Wheeler's men left little doubt in the minds of anyone as to their chances of copping the tourney for a second straight year.

The tournament itself was such as would commonly be termed a "honey." After having beaten a nifty Boiling Springs squad in the opening play-off, 40 to 33, the Crusaders went on to trounce Oak Ridge in the semi-finals, 47-23. The Abbeyes left the floor the next night with the Championship Trophy again, having downed second-seeded Campbell, 46 to 28. The presentation of awards was an inspiring ceremony, climaxing a glorious season. The 1939 All-Conference team was announced at that time and the committee made up of conference coaches selected two of the Wheelermen on the first team: Bob Kupsky and Bennie Cunningham. Captain Danny Moore and big Earl Marshall gained berths on the second quintet. Bill Copeland and Walt Pawloski turned in stellar performances, while Lascara, Kabas, Modra, and Sikish showed up well under the pressure of the fast-moving tourney.

The Student Body and Coach Wheeler—the whole of Belmont Abbey College must bid *adieu* to four of her favorite sons this year; for Dan Moore, Frank Modra, Walt Pawloski, and Johnny "Red" Kabas must leave in quest of greater laurels, both academically and athletically. To these boys especially we address commendations for the great work they have done, both for the Abbey and for themselves, in playing the clean, spirited brand of basketball that has so exemplified the athletic teams of Belmont Abbey.



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THE RAMBLERS

The 1939 edition of the Belmont Abbey Ramblers was a surprise to all who saw it in action. Under the capable direction of Father Daniel, the prepsters were transformed almost overnight from a group of ragged individual players into as smooth a quintet as one could expect to find. With six veterans remaining from last year's squad, along with a quartet of rookies with much promise, the green-clad cagers rounded out into a team that won eleven of a stiff twenty-game schedule.

While Joe Haverty and José Castro led the Rambler attack, it was the ability of Captain "Butch" Braum and the defensive strength of Joe Joseph that gave the green men of the hardcourt that primary requisite—balance. Beside these four "big guns," Ed Rankin, Arturo Castro, and Bill Van Sant did some fine work for the prepsters; while George Walker, Jack Cotter and José Del Cueto likewise supplied real punch when called upon.

In the Gaston County high school tournament in February at Gastonia the Ramblers met their nemesis in the form of a lanky, strong and able crew representing Stanley high; who, incidentally, went on to win the championship. What the lads from Stanley had on the Abbey Preps in size and ability, was counteracted by the fight and spirit displayed by our boys. But fight was not enough, and Father Dan's charges went down fighting.

Sincere appreciation is to be expressed to Jack Weston and Jimmy Devenny for their splendid coöperation in managing the Rambler basketeers during the season. Both boys are headed for similar posts on Humpy Wheeler's college squads in future years.

The outlook for next year is more than bright. With but two members of the squad graduating, next season's squad should be a formidable aggregation of veterans. The grads, José and Arturo Castro, should accomplish much on the Crusader team next year.

The Squad

Left to Right—Front Row: Ed Rankin, José Castro, Joe Josephs, Billy "Butch" Braum (Captain), Bill Van Sant, Joe Haverty; Back Row: Jack Weston (Mgr.), Jack Cotter, Arturo Castro, Fr. Daniel (Coach), George Walker, José del Cueto, James Devenny (Mgr.).





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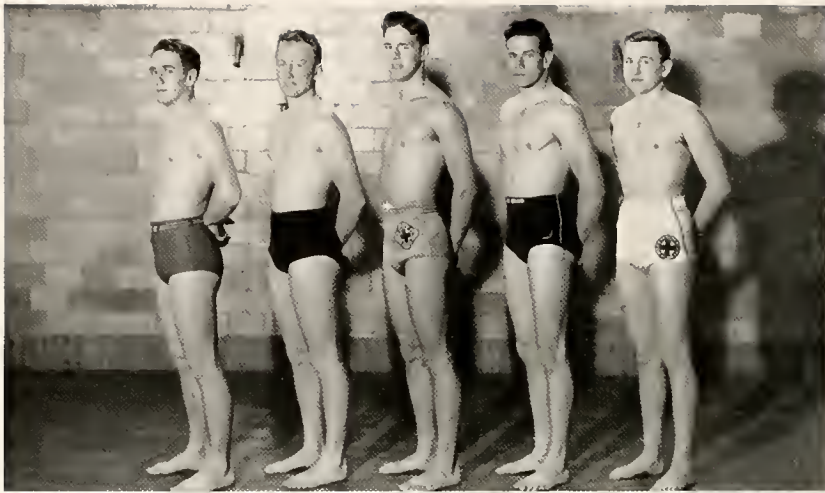
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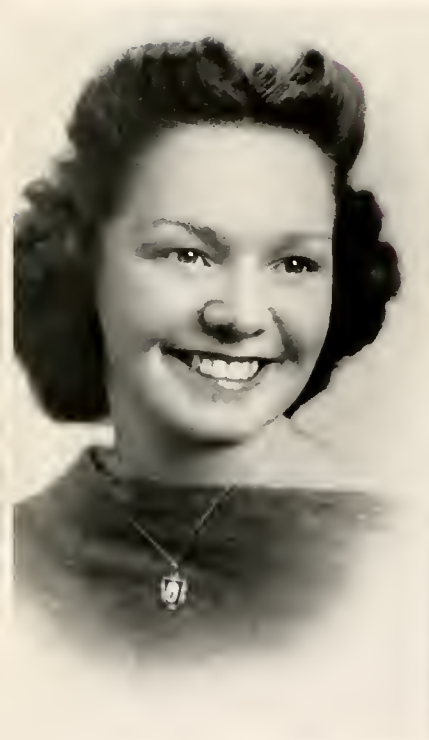
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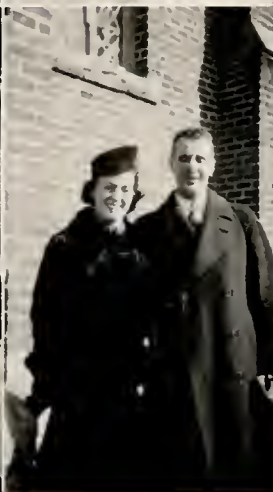
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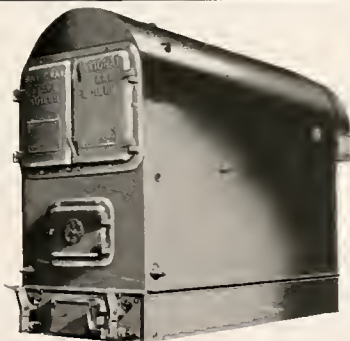
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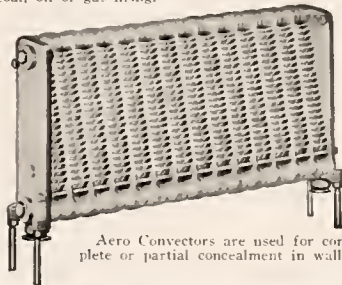
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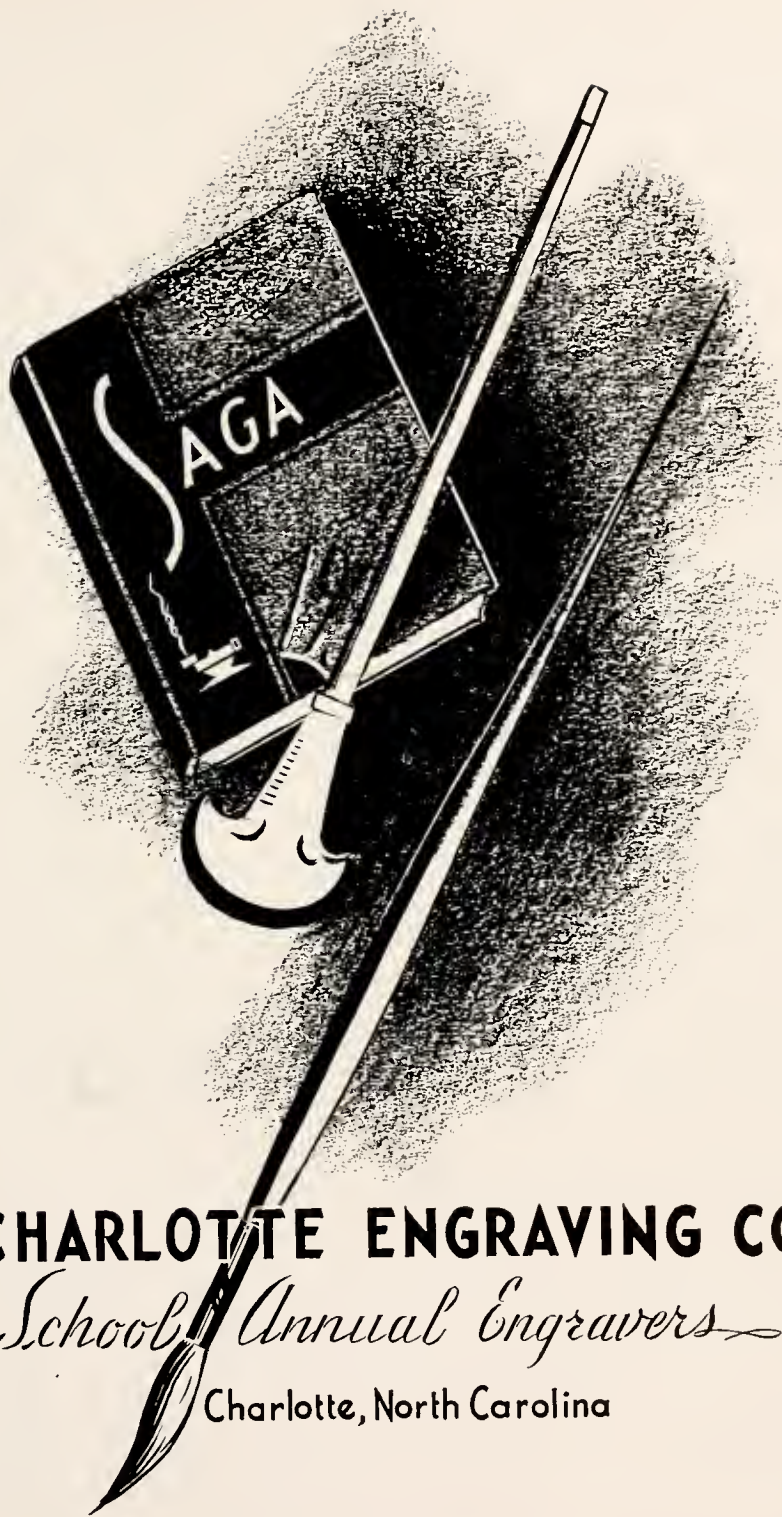
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